Andrewes Repentance,

SOVNDING

Alarum to returne from his sinnes vnto Almighty God.

Perfectly guiding all those that hope to bee saued, in the direct way of Repentance, whereby they may attaine eternall life: newly made in the Autumne or declining of his age.

Serò sed seriò.

Wherein is contained, not only what Repentance is, and the necessity thereof; but also (for the better satisfying of the doubtfull,) here is so plaine a resolution, concerning the assurance of the penitent mans saluation, and that so directly penned, with proofes of holy Scripture, according vnto the Word of God; that I hope there is not the least doubt to be made of it by any man, (if there be neuer so little of Gods grace in him,) but vpon his true repentance, he may be assured of his saluation, and certainly know whether hee shall be saued or damned.

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Chriſtian Readers, I doe here dedicate and direct this my Booke unto all you that are the elect children of God, deſiring through Ieſus Chriſt, your health in the Lord.

GOod Chriſtian Readers, Treatiſes or Bookes of this kinde we have too few; but of laſcivious too many: and whereas I have formerly publiſhed unto the view of the world, many ſmall bookes for the ſetting forth of Gods glory, the diſcharge of my conſcience, and the benefit of you the children of God, in the which I deſired not the praiſe of men, ſeeing it is but vanitie, neither did I looke for preferment, the world is ſo corrupted: for I here openly proteſt, I feare none but God, whoſe truth I teach, and hate nothing but ſinne, which is the deſtruction of the ſoule; neither doe I care for my life, ſo it were loſt in the defence of the Goſpell.

And now ſeeing that my former bookes are ſo vendible, and ſo well liking unto the children of God, that in ſhort time there have beene divers impreſſions printed, I have therefore now ſet forth another booke, intituled *Andrewes Repentance*: which I made and compoſed for mine owne privat uſe, intending to ingroſſe it to my ſelfe.

And although it came forth laſt, which ſhouldhave beene firſt, yet notwithſtanding,

ding, whereas it is *serò*, yet it is *seriò*.

And being made in the autumne or declining of mine age, yet I doubt not by the helpe of God, but it will continue the whole time of my life: hoping you will grace mee with your favourable suspence, untill my deedes prove my doctrine. And withall I most entirely desire you, and every one of you, (even for my Saviour Jesus Christ his sake) that shall gather any spirituall comfort to cure your soules out of these my labours, to pray unto our Lord Iesus Christ for me, to give me his grace to returne unto him by speedy repentance, and therein to guide me with his Word, and direct mee by his holy Spirit, that what I either preach or write, I may both in life and doctrine expresse, and performe the same unto my lives end, that whilest I endevour to raise others, I may raise my selfe from all my sins, unto the glory of Gods holy name, and the salvation of my owne soule. And so doe for me an earnest repentant sinner, even as you your selves, towards your selves, expect from Iesus Christ: *Valete in Christo.*

Yours towards you, as I would you should be for me, John Andrewes
Preacher of Gods word.

The first Chapter treateth of the certainty of mans saluation; wherein he may cleerely see, whether he shall be saued or damned; with a most perfect rule directed by the holy Scripture, to guide him in the right way to auoid his sinnes; and how to attaine eternall life.

ALmighty God,* that hath from euerlasting to euerlasting, a and knoweth all things, both past, present, and to come; b hath from the beginning of the world, and doth to the end thereof c gather, and preserue vnto himselfe, by his holy Spirit, d out of all Nations, the flower of all mankinde, to be an holy companie of chosen people * preserued for eternall life, whom nothing can separate from God but sinne, e and nothing sooner than to despaire of his mercy, which is ouer all his workes f.

And therefore all you that would forsake your sins to be the children of God, must haue an assured trust, g kindled in your hearts by the Holy Ghost, h through the Word i where-

* Gen. 17. 1.
a Eccles. 39. 20.
b 1 Sam. 2. 3. c Esay 59. 21 Ier. 32. 37. Gen. 17. 7. Acts 2. 39. Ier. 31. 33. Heb. 10. 16, 17. Ezek. 18. 21, 22. Ier. 24. 7, 8. 9, 10.
d Mat. 18. 17
* Ioh. 10. 28, 29, 30.
Tit. 2. 14.
e Esay 59. 2.
f Psal. 145 9.
g Heb. 11. 17. 1 Tim. 1, 6. Ephes. 3. 12. Rom. 10. 10.
h Ioh. 6. 29.
i Rom. 10. 17 Rom. 1. 16. Acts 10. 44.

by you may be assuredly resolued,
k Rom. 1. 17. Gal. 3. 11. Gal. 2. 16. that remission of sins, and everlasting life, is not given unto others only, but unto you also: and that you must have a true and lively faith in Jesus Christ, to believe that you are
l Rom. 3. 21, 22, 24. his l. Although your conscience accuse you; and Satan alleage against
Gal. 1. 15, 16. Ephes. 1. 8, 9. Phil. 3. 9. you, that you have not kept Gods Lawes; but have grievously sinned
m Rom. 3. 9, 10, 11, 12. Rom. 7. 23. and provoked Gods wrath against you, wherby you have deserved eternall damnation, yet notwithstanding, if by your true repentance, having an inward sorrow wrought
n Mat. 16. 17. Joh. 10. 28, 29. by the Holy Ghost n, for your sins before committed; you may embrace
p Joh. 3. 18. the benefits of Jesus Christ by a lively faith p, with a full determination to continue in newnesse of life,
q 1 Joh. 2. 2. yea, and that with a pure conscience and perswasion of minde q, that the
r 1 Joh. 2. 1. full r perfect satisfaction, righteousnesse, and holinesse of Christ s, with-
s Tit. 3. 5. out any righteousnesse of yours t,
Ezech. 36. 22. t Rom. 3. 24. Eph. 2. 8. but of the meere mercy of God u, is given unto you; and that so clearely,
x 2 Cor. 5. 21. as if you had never committed any sin x; then there is no doubt (by the grace of God) but the Lord will pardon all your offences; and if your sins were as red as scarlet, he will make them

them as white as snow ; x and so you shall be made heires of eternall life y.

x Esay. 1. 18.
y Ioh. 3. 36.
1 Ioh. 5. 13.
a Esay 1. 18.
Ier. 18 11.
2 King. 17. 13.
Ier. 25. 5.
Ier. 7. 3.
Ezech. 33. 11
Ier. 35. 15.
Hos. 14 2.
Ier. 4. 2.
Hos. 6 1.
Ioel 12. 2.

But there are to too many, which through their carelesnesse of repentance, although Gods Preachers daily perswade them to repent ; a doe stand in doubt of their salvation ; because they have grievously sinned, and thereby greatly offended the Maiestie of Almighty God, and procured his curse for their sinnes, as the Scripture saith, There is no peace to the wicked b.

b Esay 48. 22. Prou. 28. 1.

So that Satan layes before their faces all their sins they have committed, whereby their conscience tels them, that by reason of their sins, which they have so long continued in without repentance, that they stand now in great danger of damnation, and that, *Ibi nulla remissio, vbi nulla possit esse panitentia*, There can be no pardon, where can be no repentance, according vnto Christs owne saying, Except yee repent, yee shall all be damned c.

c Luk. 13.

And note this for a certainty: so long as they carelesly stand, & continue in their damnable estate of sin, without repentance, so long they

Esay. 59 2. Nahum. 1. 2.

may very well doubt of their saluation; let vs all therefore striue to forsake all sinne, and by hearty repentance to make our saluation sure.

Then may we say with Iob, euen with a good conscience and ioyfull heart, that I am sure my Redeemer liueth, and although wormes destroy this body of mine yet in my flesh shall I see God: And with Saint Paul, that When mine earthly house is destroyed, I haue a building giuen of God; (that is) an house not made with hands, but eternall in Heauen, where is laid vp for me a crowne of righteousnesse; so that I am perswaded, that neither death, nor life, nor Angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, shal be able to separate me from the loue of God, which is in Christ Iesus my Sauiour, in whom I trust, & in whom also I am sealed with the holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of mine inheritance.

And all those who are led by the Spirit of God, are the sons of God; if sons, then children; if children, then heirs; euen heires annered with Christ vnto eternal life, and consequently sure of saluation. And that so sure, that no man can plucke them out of the hands of Christ.

i Iob 19. 25, 26.
k 2 Cor. 5. 1. l 2 Tim. 5.
m Rom. 8. 38, 39.
n Acts 5. 31. Luk. 2. 11.
o 1 Sam. 22. 3. 2 Sal. 18. 1. Eph. 1. 13, 14. Ioh. 6. 27. Reuel. 7. 3. Ioh. 3. 33.
p Gal. 4. 6, 7.
q Rom. 8. 17. 1 Ioh. 2. 28. 1 Ioh. 10. 28 2 Tim. 2. 26. 1 Pet. 1. 5.
r Ioh. 5. 14, 15

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This aſſurance made the Virgin Marie call Chriſt her Sauiour, the theefe on the croſſe to ſay, Lord remember mee, and Paul to ſay, that Chriſt gaue himſelfe for me [f], and in another place, I know on whom I haue beleeued [t].

This promiſe God hath made vnto all beleeuers; Hee that beleeueth in mee, though hee were dead, yet hee ſhall liue [u]; for I will put my feare in their hearts, that they ſhall not depart from me [x], they ſhall be my people, and I will be their God [x], and forgiue their iniquities, and remember their ſins no more [y]: And thus the greater your faith is, the greater is your aſſurance [z].

Thus Gods word aſſures you, that if yee haue truly repented, and continue in newneſſe of life, ye ſhall liue, and not die: but ſaue your ſoule aliue [a] to enioy eternall life. Thus, if ye were neuer ſo weary and heauie laden, ye ſhall be eaſed [b]; If your ſinnes were as red as ſcarlet, they ſhall bee made as white as ſnow [c]: All this our gracious God hath promiſed, which cannot lie; and hath not only ſworne thereunto by an oath [d], but alſo bound himſelfe by couenants, as it were a paire of Indentures, the one in the Old Teſtament [e], the other in the New [f].

And

[f] Luk.23.42. [f] Gal.2.20. [t] 2 Tim.1.12.

[u] Ioh.11.25. [x] Ier.32.40. [x] Ier.32.38. [y] Heb.10.17. [z] 1 Pet.1.7, 8, 9.

[a] Ezech.18. 21,22.

[b] mat.11.28

[c] Eſay 1.18.

[d] Heb.6. 17,18. Eſay 54.9,10. [e] Ier.1.33. Ier.32.44. Ier.24.7. [f] Heb.10. 16,17.

And therefore ye may assure your selues by the testimonies of all these Scriptures, that you may bee as firmely perswaded of the certainty of your saluation, as your harts can witnesse the sincerity of your conuersion. Saint Paul proues it, I liue yet not I, but Christ liueth in me g. So Christ and the Christian dwelleth not one vp another, but one in another; this being in Christ is a relative, for, Wee cannot be in him, but he must be in vs h. Againe, Know yee not your owne selues (saith hee) how Iesus Christ is in you, except yee bee reprobates i? Here Saint Paul giueth them the title of reprobates that know not how Iesus Christ is in them.

g Gal. 2.20. 1 Cor. 3.16.

h 1 Ioh. 5.24.

i 2 Cor. 13.5.

By these words we ought all to vnderstand, that all which beleeue haue the Spirit of discerning, to know certainly that they do beleeue; because the faith which hebere speaketh of, is that liuely faith, wherby Christ dwelleth in our hearts; thus if Christ dwel in our hearts, then we are in Christ; if we be in Christ, we cannot be condemned, for there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Iesus k.

k Rom. 8.1.

And by these examples I conclude with this saying of Saint Peter, I would haue all that feare God, and hope

hope to bée ſaued, euen for Gods ſake, their owne ſake, & their ſoules ſake, to make their election ſure, & they ſhall neuer fall a; neither will that ſoule feare to goe vnto Chriſt, b that is in Chriſt, it knoweth it is reconciled vnto his Sauiour c, and therfore hée néed not to feare ſudden death, who is euer prepared to die; & alſo aſſured of his ſaluation, to liue in Heauen with the royal Prieſthood d, the peculiar people e, the children of light f, the new creatures *, the elect by Gods predeſtination g, where all are Kings and heires with Chriſt h, inueſted with glory i, and crowned with Maieſty k, to reigne with Chriſt in his eternall Kingdome.

Laſtly, if Satan lay open all your ſins that euer you haue committed, and ſay they are more and greater than can be pardoned, & ſo perſwade you to deſpaire, then ſay vnto him, Depart Satan, I defie thée, & al thy workes; if my ſins were as many as the haires of mine head *l*, or ſands in the ſea *m*, yet it is God that iuſtifieth, who ſhall then condemne me *n*?

Oh Satan, I am none of thy curſed crew, nor by the grace of God neuer ſhall be; thou haſt no part nor portion in me, wherfore I bequeath all,

a 2 pet. 1. 10
b 1 Ioh. 3. 10
c pſal. 18. 1. Acts 5. 31.
2 Sam. 12. 3. Luk. 2. 11. 1 Tim. 4. 10. matth. 1. 21.
d Exod. 19. 6 1 Pet. 2. 9. Eſai. 61. 6. pſal 132. 9.
e Tit. 2. 14. Ioh. 10. 28. 29, 30.
f 2 Sam. 22. 29.
* Gal. 6. 15.
g Eph. 1. 4. 1 pet. 1. 2.
h Rom. 8. 17 Gal. 4. 7. Tit. 3. 7. 1 Rom. 9. 23.
i 2 Tit. 4. 8.
l pſal. 40. 12.
m manaſſ. pr.
n Eſai. 50. 8. Rom. 8. 32, 33

all and euery one of my sins againe vnto thée, O Satan, from whence they came, & appeale vnto my God, in Christ, for his mercy, that he may saue me from thy cursed company.

Oh, thou hellish Fiend, I say again, Depart, I doe vtterly defie thée, O take thy vgly sins again, which thou hast caused me to commit; lay them not vnto my charge, for I am a member of my Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ d, and partaker of his anointing e, and so long as I haue earnestly repented of all those sins, which thou hast enticed me to doe, confessed my Sauiours name f, & pre-sented my selfe a liuely sacrifice of thanksgiuing vnto Almighty God g, and also doe in this life by the helpe of my Sauiour h, fight against thée thou damned Satan, and that with a cleare & good conscience i, why then should I feare thée k? I am sure, that when I depart this life, I shall enioy an euerlasting Kingdome with my Creator l.

But marke this one thing aright, without fauour or affection vnto any particular sin; that yee be well assured that yee haue repented and are heartily sorry for all your sins; as those alleaged Scriptures doe teach

d 1 Cor. 6. 15. 19.
e 1 Ioh. 2. 27.
f Mat. 10. 32. Rom. 10. 10. 2 Sam. 14. 11
g Rom. 12. 1. Reu. 4. 8. 10. 2 Pet. 5. 9. Reuel. 1. 6.
Rom. 6. 12, 13.
h Act. 5 31. Luk. 2 11. Psal. 18. 1. mat. 1. 21. 2 Sam. 22. 3. 1 Tim. 4. 10.
i Ephes 6. 11. Gal. 5. 1. 17. 1 Tim. 1. 18, 19.
k 1 Pet. 5. 8.
l mat. 25. 34 2 Tim. 2. 12.

teach you m, for otherwise (if you haue but the least of your sinnes left to reigne in you) he will soone finde matter enough to plead against you. Wherefore you must not only barely repent, and slightly sorrow for your sins, and so carelelly giue them ouer, as though you could repent when you would; but ye must accuse your sinnes, loath, hate, and detest them, your conscience must witnesse against them, and your hearts convince them.

m Ezech. 18. 21. 22, 23. 1 King 17. 13. Acts 2. 38. 2 Pet. 3. 8. Acts 17. 30. Hos. 14. 2. Ier. 36. 3. Luk. 13. 3. Ier. 18. 11. mat. 41. 7. mat. 3. 26.

Oh, beloued, is it a greater terrour vnto you to accuse your sinnes, than it was a delight to commit them? would ye be in loue with sin, which is the soules sickneſſe, and the breach of Gods Law, which whosoeuer committeth is of the Deuill: how dare ye act those sins, you dare not aske pardon for? Haue you procured Gods vengeance, and will ye refuse to aske for his mercie? Oh, no, no; the more penitent a sinner is, the more mercifull is God, and the readier to giue pardon.

So that all ye which haue truly repented, and fully purpose to continue in newneſſe of life, may boldly say vnto Satan, or vnto any of his despairing Iudasses, that would perswade

swade you to despaire: That the God whom I serue is able to deliuer me *a*, so that the gates of hell shall not preuaile against me *b*, for he maketh me to dwell in safetie *c*; yea and that both in soule and body, whether I liue or dye *d*, I am not mine owne *e*, but belong wholy vnto my Sauiour Iesus Christ *f*, who by his precious blood hath satisfied for all my sins *g*, deliuered me from the power of the Deuill *h*, to preserue me *i*, from all danger, that without the will of my heauenly Father, not so much as one haire of my head shall fall from me *k*. Therefore I will not doubt of my saluation nor feare what man or Satan can doe against me; for I will put my whole trust in the mercie of God, If he slay me, yet will I put my trust in him *l*.

And thus with a true affection and desire of heart *m*, through the inward feeling of your miseries *n*, you must cast your selues downe prostrate in the presence of Almightie God *o*, and build your selues on this sure foundation *p*, that yea, though far vnworthy, yet for Iesus Christ his sake are certainly heard of God *q*, euen as he hath promised in his word *r*.

And withall, you must bee so fervent with God in your daily praiers, for

a Dan. 6. 16.
b mat. 16. 18.
c psal. 4. 9.
d Rom. 14. 8.
e 1 Cor. 6. 19.
f 1 Cor. 3. 23. Tit. 2. 14.
g 1 pet. 1. 18, 19. Ephes. 1. 7. Heb. 9. 14. Reuel. 1. 5.
h Heb. 2. 14. Esay 53. 34
i Ioh. 6. 39. Ioh. 10. 28. 1 pet. 1. 5. 2 Thess. 3. 3.
k mat. 10. 30 Luke 21. 18. 2 Sam. 14. 11 Act. 27. 34.
l Iob 13. 15
m Ioh. 4. 23, 24. psal. 145. 18.
n 2 Chron. 20. 21. psal. 2. 11. Esay 66. 2.
o Rom. 10. 14
p Iam. 1. 6.
q Ioh. 14. 13.
r mat. 7. 7, 8. mat. 11. 24. Luk. 11. 9. Ioh. 16. 24.

for the forgiuenesse of your sinnes, that ye must with Iacob, euen wrestle with God ſ, & neuer let the Lord goe, vntill he bleſſe you: but with ſighs, groanes and teares t, bewaile your ſinnes, beg for his mercies, and that ſo entirely, as it were for life and death; yea weepe for your ſins like Mary Magdalen u, & powre forth floods of teares like Ezechias *: vntill ye doe ſo, you ſhall neuer haue peace, nor quietneſſe of conſcience, neither any ſound comfort of Gods holy Spirit in you.

ſ Gen. 31. 2. 6
t Iam. 4. 9. Deut. 14. 5.
u Ioh. 20. 15.
* 2 King 20. 3.

Thus all thoſe which haue truly repented & continued in newneſſe of life, are ſpiritually *renati & iuſtificati* borne againe in righteouſneſſe, & iuſtified from ſin; wherfore I conclude with this beléefe, that I do fully hope (through the merits of Ieſus Chriſt) to be ſaued, & am reſolued that eternal life belongs not vnto others only, but vnto me alſo: ſo that Chriſt died for my ſins, & roſe again for my iuſtification; & that God who gaue him for me, gaue me all things with him, Rom. 8. 32. If all things, then hée gaue me eternal life.

This is my faith, & from this faith *permanet in facto mens mea firma ſuo*, feares ſhall not compell mée; & la-

dixyme

chrymæ voluuntur inanes, and teares shall not moue mee to change my mind: Quia mens immota manet, for I am fully resolued, neuer to alter it, & I do rest in hope, & am alwaies waiting for the accomplishment therof.

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the more earnestly I doe returne unto my God by repentance; for repentance ought to bring forth as much sorrow, as sinne gaue delight; example in Manasses b, Mary Magdalen c, and the like.

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don, become a new man, and true subiect vnto him:

Euen so it is with me, (through griefe for my sinnes,) each time I behold Gods mercies towards me, (a miserable & most wretched sinner) in sparing me so long, and giuing me such a large time of repentance. Repent yee: *Duo verba, duo luminaria,* These two words are like the two great lights in Heauen, which serue to direct vs in all our wayes; they are the *supersedeas* and discharge of sin b, through the merits of Iesus Christ c: And the cause of vnity betweene God and man. They are *Imperatoria breuitas*, a Lordlike breuity; This short, for feare lest mans brittle memory should come short of it: and it is the full weight of a few words, *Virtus maxima in mole minima*, very much in a little. And they are more precious than any pearle, or pure gold; as needfull to direct me that made this booke, as you that read it: wherefore if euer we hope to be saued, we must néeds forsake our sins, and with all humilitie returne vnto God by repentance, according vnto my Text, Repent yee.

a Gen. 1. 16.
b Iam. 3. 5. Mat. 12. 41. Luk. 11. 32. Esay 1. 16. Gen. 50. 17. 2 Pet. 3. 9. Ezech. 18. 20, 21. Mal. 1. 3. 7. Esay. 55. 7. Zach. 1. 3. Ezech. 33. 5. Esay 56. 2. Ier. 4. 14. 1 Pet. 1. 18, 19. Heb. 9. 14. Reuel. 1. 5.

For as God is mercifull vnto the penitent sinner g, he also shewes his iu-

g Exod. 34. 6. 7. psal. 145. 9. Exod. 20. 6.

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iuſtice vnto the reprobate h, whoſe anger vnto them is moſt dreadfull i: *Odio eſt Deo impius & impietas eius*; God hateth the wicked man, and his wickednesse too k. Yea, their very thoughts l, words and works m, God hateth: and therefore without repentance there is no ſaluation n.

h Deut. 32. 41. pſal. 55. 6. Exod. 20. 7. Nahum. 1. 2, 3. Wiſd. 14. 9. i pſal. 18. 7. Reuel. 6. 15. Heb. 12. 16. k Pro. 15. 8. 9. 29. l 1 Ioh. 3. 8. pro. 11. 6. pro. 1. 28. 1 Wiſd. 1. 9. m mat. 12. 36. m Rom. 1. 18. pſal. 5. 6. Exod. 20. 5. Epheſ. 5. 6.

Againe, *Inanis pœnitentia, quam ſequens culpa de nouo iterat*: Vaine is that repentance which an after fall defileth: it auaileth a man nothing, to aſke of God for pardon of his ſinnes, and fall like an hog into the mire of his ſinfull life afreſh againe.

Wherefore if ye will truly repent, ye muſt forſake all your ſinnes for euer, and returne vnto God by repentance, as theſe Scriptures teach you. O yee children of Iſrael (ſaith Eſay) turne again from your euill waies, wherin you haue drowned your ſelues a, turne you, turne you from all your euill wayes; for why will yee die, O ye houſe of Iſrael b? Returne vnto mee, and I will returne vnto you, ſaith the Lord c. Againe, O Ieruſalem, waſh thine heart from wickednesse, that thou mayeſt be ſaued d. And againe, Let the wicked forſake their euill waies, and returne vnto the Lord, and he will haue mercie on them, for he is merciſull, and very

a Luke 13. 3. Eſay 59. 2. mal. 1. 2. a Eſay 31. 6 b Ezech. 33. 11. c mal. 3. 7. d Ier. 4. 14. e Iſa. 55. 7.

Psy 55. 7. ready to forgiue e: So that, *Nemo ad Deum flens accessit, qui non quod postulauit, accepit*; No man came euer weeping vnto God, who did not receiue that which he required, (especially if he sought it through faith in his repentance:) wherefore Saint Peter wept bitterly, that his teares
Mat. 26. 75. might wash away his sins f.

Oh, let vs daily labour with all humilitie to wash away the polution of our sinnes with teares in our repentance, that we may be saued.

Now good Christian Readers, I would haue you to consider, that I made not this booke only for mine owne priuate vse, with an *Attende mihi*, a suit vnto God for my selfe, (which of all men haue most need of repentance,) but also like the poore Italian begger, with an *Attende tibi*: Now for Gods sake, your owne sake, and your soules sake, be mercifull, be charitable, and comfortable vnto your owne soules, and Repent yee.

So that you with me, And I with you, may all from the bottome of our hearts, returne vnto the Lord by true repentance: And as Tertullian saith, *Sperando timebimus, timendo obseruabimus, obseruando salui erimus*: In hoping

ping or desiring to repent, we shall feare our sinnes, in fearing take heed to amend our lives, and in taking heed, (through our true repentance) by the merits of our Saviour a Jesus Christ, be saved.

For, God allures no man pardon for his sinnes b, but such as returne unto him by true repentance, become new creatures c, and walke in newnesse of life d.

Wherefore beloved, seeing that mine, and all our soules are infected with the poyson of sinne, let us not looke, or thinke on our worldly businesse; nor let our soules gad abroad with Dinah, but commune with our owne hearts, and returne unto God by speedy repentance; for *Periculum est animæ*, our soules lie at the stake, or point of death, bleeding with the heavie burthen of our sinnes, and can be no way cured or saved, but by repentance, whom none can pardon but God e.

Therefore let us repent while we may have time, and deferre it not untill hereafter; for, *Qui non est hodie, cras minus aptus erit*; He that is not ready to repent to day, will be lesse ready to morrow; because his heart will be more hardened, his conscience

a Psal. 18.1. 2 Sam. 22.3. Acts 5.31. Luke 2.11. mat. 1.21. 1 Tim. 4. 12.
b Luke 13.3 Nahum. 1.2. Esay 59.2. 1 John 1.9. 1 Ioh. 3.8.
c 1 Pet. 1.23. Gal. 6.15. 2 Cor. 5.17. Rom. 11.5.
d Rom. 6.4. 1 Pet. 2.9,10, 11,12. Acts 3.16. Ephes. 4.1. Gal. 5.10. 1 Ioh 2,3,4, 5,6.
e Luke 5.21. Dan. 9.9. Hest. 13.4. Hos. 14.1.4. Ioh. 1.29. Psa. 32.1,2,3 Ioh 1.15,16, Psal. 3.8. Psal. 94.738. mat. 1.21. Psal. 17.7. Luk. 17.30. Ioh. 6.36. Luke 1.77. Iohn 4.10. psal. 79.9. Psal. 51.12, 13. 1 Tim. 1. 15. 1 Iohn 3.5,6 1 Ioh. 1.7. Psal. 4.2.

ence more feared, his ſoule more ſtung with ſin, & himſelfe more weak to get out of the clawes of the Deuil.

O Lord my God, b it is my ſins, oh, it is mine vnrepented ſinnes that kindleth the fire of thy wrath againſt mée, and nothing but my teares I ſhed for them in my daily repentance, through the merits of my Lord and Sauiour c Ieſus Chriſt, will be the water to quench them, Repent yee.

Pſal. 109. 25.
pſal. 7. 2.
pſal. 40. 6.
1. Kung. 7. 20, 21.
pſal. 18. 1.
pſal 30 2.
pſal. 7. 1.
pſal. 69. 8, 9.
& Acts. 5. 31.
pſal. 18. 1.
Luk. 2. 11.
2 Sam. 22. 3.
mat. 11. 21.
1 Tim. 4.

If euer precept came home vnto our hearts, to warne vs to forſake our ſinnes, it is this: if euer charge was reaſonable, or moſt needfull for our ſoules ſaluation, it is this, Repent yee.

God hath giuen vs *membra duplicia* two members, two eyes, two eares, two armes, two legs: that the failing of the one, may be ſupplyed by the other; *animam vero vnam*, he hath giuen vs but one ſoule; when that is loſt there is no ſupply.

I ſée (gentle Readers) the more I enter into repentance, the more tender mine heart is, and the more my vnrepented ſinnes doe grieue me, ſo that the griefe of mine heart is ſo great for my ſinnes, that I can gee no further to inſtruct you in the

the doctrine of repentance, before I haue eased mine owne heart, by bewailing my sinnes vnto Almighty God: and like the poore Lazarus, or wounded begger, lay open all my woundes; blaines, and putrifying sores of sinne, vnto my Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ.

Now I know no way better to grieue and lament for my sinnes, than with Hanna b, to powre out my soule vnto thee, O Lord my God c, by my most humble fasting, and deuout praying, with all humility vnto thee, that through thy merits and bitter passion on the crosse (vpon my true repentance) thou wilt haue mercy on me, O Lord haue mercy on me.

Wherefore with griefe for my sinnes, from the bottome of mine heart, I will prostrate my selfe before thee, my sweet and louing Sauiour d, most humbly desiring thy mercifull eares to heare, and pitifull eyes to look back vpon mee, as thou didest on the woman of Canaan, the poore Publican, on Mary Magdalen g, or the penitent theefe h, which came vnto thee in his last houre.

b 1 Sam. 1. 10.
c psal. 30. 2.
psal. 7. 1.
psal. 109. 25.
1 King. 17. 20, 21.
psal. 18. 1.
psal. 40. 6.
psal. 7. 2.
psal. 99. 8, 9.

d 2 Sam. 22. 3.
Acts 5. 31.
psal. 18. 1.
Luk. 2. 11.
1 Tim. 4. 10.
mat. 1. 21.
e mat. 15. 28.
f Luk. 23. 18.
g Ioh. 20. 15
h Luk. 23. 40.

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